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October 10, 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Intelligence Support for US Public Health Service

REFERENCE: NSCID 1

The enclosed memorandum from the Director of Central Intelligence, dated October 4, 1955, on the subject is transmitted herewith for the consideration of the National Security Council.

It is requested that each Council member, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Attorney General, the Special Assistant to the President on Disarmament and the Director, Bureau of the Budget, indicate his action with respect to the recommendation contained in paragraph 5 of the enclosed memorandum by completing and returning the attached memorandum form.*

James S. Lay, Jr.
JAMES S. LAY, Jr.
Executive Secretary

cc: The Secretary of the Treasury
The Attorney General
The Special Assistant to the President on Disarmament
The Director, Bureau of the Budget
The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
The Director of Central Intelligence (without enclosure)

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

Washington 25, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

October 4, 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Executive Secretary
The National Security Council

SUBJECT : Intelligence Support for US Public Health
Service

1. By Presidential directive of 14 July 1954, certain responsibilities for biological, chemical and radiological warfare defense programs were transferred from Federal Civil Defense Administration (FCDA) to the US Public Health Service (USPHS).

2. USPHS has requested CIA for intelligence support to discharge these responsibilities. Security approved channels now exist for transmitting intelligence to USPHS, and arrangements have been made for furnishing USPHS with relevant finished departmental intelligence. There remains the problem of making available to USPHS national intelligence relating to the USPHS warfare defense mission.

3. NSCID 1, paragraph 5a, provides that "The Director of Central Intelligence shall disseminate national intelligence to the President, to members of the National Security Council, to the intelligence chiefs of the IAC Agencies, and to such governmental departments and agencies as the National Security Council from time to time may designate."

4. The action of the President transferring to USPHS certain civil defense responsibilities which were in part the basis for the release of appropriate national intelligence to FCDA suggests that USPHS should also be authorized to receive such intelligence as appropriate.

5. I recommend, therefore, that the National Security Council authorize the dissemination to USPHS of such national intelligence as is essential to the performance of its civil defense mission under the Presidential directive of 14 July 1954.

/s/ Allen W. Dulles

ALLEN W. DULLES
Director